



## Nebraska Judicial Profile 2011

# Honorable Douglas F. Johnson

### Judgeship

1993 – present

**Judge of the Separate Juvenile Court, Douglas County**  
**Douglas County 0 – 3 Family Dependency Drug Court**

### Experience

1991 – 1993

Omaha, NE

**Douglas County Attorney's Office**, deputy attorney

1987 – 1991

Omaha, NE

**Private practice of law**

### Education

**Creighton University School of Law, 1987**

Juris Doctorate

**Marquette University, 1983**

Teacher's Certificate

English

**University of Nebraska-Omaha, 1976**

Bachelor of Science,

Bachelor of Arts

**National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges Trainings,**

Judicial/Lawyer Mediation, Office of Dispute Resolution,  
State of Nebraska

### Judicial/Law Related Activities

#### Professional Affiliations

American Bar Association

Nebraska State Bar Association

Omaha Bar Association

Implementation of National Reunification Day, 2010

National CASA Board, 2009 – present

National Center for Juvenile Justice, Board of Fellows,

2008 – present

National Association of Counsel for children, Board of Directors,

2007

Implementation of Zero to Three Family Drug Treatment Court,

2005

Governor's Commission on the Protection of Children,  
2004 – present

National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges Centennial  
Society, 1999

Implementation of Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)  
Program for Douglas County, 1994

American Judicature Society, 1994 – present

Nebraska Court Improvement Project, 1994 – present

National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges, 1994 – present

**National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges**

Immediate Past President, 2010 – 2011

President, 2009 – 2010

President Elect, 2008 – 2009

Vice President, 2007 – 2008

Treasurer, 2006 – 2007

Secretary, 2005 – 2006

Audit and Finance Committee, 2005 – 2006

Membership Committee Chair, 2005 – 2006

Board of Trustees, 1997 – 2003

Permanency Planning for Children Advisory Committee

Chair, co-chair throughout the years

2010 Core committee member to enhance & update the Resource  
Guidelines: Improving Court Practice in Child Abuse &  
Neglect Cases, 1994 – present

**Additionally, over the years:**

Member or co-chair of Judicial Education Technical Assistance  
Committee

Substance Abuse Committee

Mental Health Committee

Participation in various projects

Janiculum Project

Publication Development Committee for the Adoption and  
Permanency Guidelines – Improving Court Practice in Child  
Abuse & Neglect Cases

**Model Court & Model Court Lead Judge Designation:**

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges & Victims Act  
Model Court Project, with continued participation on the Team.

Participation in Through the Eyes of the Child Initiative (based on  
the Model Court project,) 2002 – 2007

### **Nebraska State Bar/Local Attorney Association Committees**

NE State Bar Assoc. Juvenile Law Committee, 1994 – present  
Mock Trial & Moot Court Competitions, volunteer coach & judge,  
Omaha grade Schools, high Schools, and universities &  
colleges, Creighton University & Creighton University School  
of Law.  
Omaha Bar Association Annual Walk Through the Courts Program,  
Juvenile Law speaker, 1987 – present

### **Nebraska Supreme Court Committees**

Commission on Children in the Courts, co-chair, 2004 – present  
Nebraska Judicial Ethics Committee, 2000 – 2005  
Vice Chair, 2004 – 2005  
Technology Committee, 1999 – 2006  
Improvement Project, 1994 – present

### **Nebraska Separate Juvenile Judges Association**

President, 1997 – 1998  
Member, 1995 – present

### **Community Activities**

#### **Safety and Health Council, Omaha chapter**

Secretary/Treasurer and Administrative co-chair of  
Board of Directors, 2005  
Executive Committee, 2004 – 2005  
Court Services Committee, chair, 2002 – 2004  
Executive Committee, chair, 2002 – 2004  
Board of Directors, 1999 – 2005

#### **Strengthening Neighborhoods for Children, Advisory Board,** 2004 – 2005

#### **St. Vincent de Paul Catholic church, 1996 – present**

Career Day Presenter, 1995 – 2010  
Meal Server at St. Vincent de Paul Shelter, 1991 – 2008  
Cantor and Guitarist, 1991 – 2008  
Executive Committee, chair, 1998 – 2000  
President, 1998 – 2000  
Board of Education, 1996 – 2000  
Constitution, By-Laws, and Policy Committee, 1996 – 1998

### **Honors and Awards**

**Omaha Bar Association Robert M. Spire Public Service Award,**  
2010

**Creighton University 2010 School of Law Alumni Merit Award,  
2010**

**2008 Nebraska State Bar Foundation Fellow:** Selection to become a Fellow in the Nebraska State Bar Foundation is based on the integrity and character of the lawyer/judge. The Foundation recognizes established legal professionals who are dedicated to improving the administration of justice. Fellows are accredited by colleagues as leaders of the legal profession who contribute to the charitable and community education works of Foundation.

**Class of Zero to Three's Leaders for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
Fellowship Program, 2005 – 2007**

**Child Saving Institute A.W. Clark Award, 2005**

**Children's Bureau/Tool Kit Project:** Omaha selected as a project site regarding court performance measurement and judicial workload, Judge Johnson, facilitator via ABA Center on Children and the Law, national Center for State Courts, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and U.S. Department of health and Human Services children's Bureau, 2004

**Metropolitan Child Abuse Coalition Award** for Individual Non-Member for Efforts on Behalf of Children in the State of Nebraska, 2004

**Nebraska Supreme Court Award of Distinguished Judge** for service to the community, 2001

**Teaching & Publishing**

**Facilitator**, "Helping Babies from the Bench," a series of multidisciplinary trainings which focus on obtaining the best possible outcomes for infants and toddlers in the abuse and neglect court system, 2008 – present

**Trainer**, National CASA Conference, 2004 – 2007

**Co-Facilitator, Advisor, Teacher**, National Council of Juvenile and family Court Judges, Child Abuse and Neglect Institute, 2004 – present

**Court Appointed Special Advocate**, 1998 – present

**Teacher/Trainer**, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges 1998 – present:

- **Permanency Planning for Children Department**, regarding Adoption Safe Families Act, Evidence, Testifying in Court, Role of the Judge, Stakeholder Collaboration, Resource Guidelines, Judicial Ethics & Leadership, and other topics, throughout the country
- **Summer and fall college courses** (Judicial Ethics, Role of the Judge, Dispositional Alternatives)
- **National Conference** on Juvenile Justice and Annual Conference

**Adjunct law professor**, Juvenile Law, Creighton University School Law, 1995 – present

**Teacher**, for judges, attorneys, foster parents, guardian ad litem, therapists, Child Protective Services, Foster Care Review Board, and others involved in Juvenile and Family Law – locally, statewide, and nationally, 1994 - present

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